SUBJECT NO. 303.

Bench Magistrates for Shimoga.

Mr. S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Criminal litigation in Shimoga is too heavy for the existing number of magistrates in the town. Several petty cases drag on for months together. A Bench of Magistrates similar to those of Bangalore and Mysore would materially facilitate the disposal of such cases and relieve the files of the existing magistrates.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 304.

Civil jurisdiction over portions of Shikarpur taluk to be transferred to the Shimoga Munsiff's court.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The greater portion of Shikarpur taluk is situated nearer to Shimoga than to Sagar. It is prayed that civil jurisdiction over the Kasaba and Hosur hoblis and the Salur magani of this taluk may be transferred to the Shimoga Munsiff's court.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done for the present.

SUBJECT NO. 305.

Civil jurisdiction over Koppa taluk and Sringeri Jahgir.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality and K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—The civil jurisdiction over Koppa taluk and Sringeri Jahgir may be transferred to the Subordinate Judge of Shimoga, as the litigant public of these taluks find it very difficult and inconvenient to go to Chikmagalur on account of the distance.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done for the present.

SUBJECT NO. 306.

Re-establishment of the Munsiff's court at Honnali.

Messrs. Revanasiddia and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The disposal of cases in the Shimoga Munsiff's court has become very slow owing to the enlargement of the jurisdiction of the court. It is therefore prayed that the Munsiff's court at Honnali may be re-established.

Reply of Government.—Locating a Munsiff's court at Honnali is out of question. The necessity for an additional court at Shimoga will be considered.

SUBJECT NO. 307.

A witness shed at Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There is no witness-shed attached to any of the courts at Shimoga. It is prayed that a witness-shed of a large size may be built at an early date close to the premises of the courts so as to be useful to the witnesses appearing in all the courts.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 308.

Removal of the police station at Sowlanga from the Government *annachattram* building.

Messrs. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk, and Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The location of the police station at Sowlanga in a portion of the building used for the Government *annachattram* is very inconvenient as the available accommodation is insufficient for travellers halting at the place. Considering the important situation of the place at the junction of the Shimoga-Shikarpur and Ayanur-Honnali roads, it is necessary to afford proper accommodation for the travellers halting at the place. It is therefore prayed that the police station at the place may be removed to some other convenient building.

Reply of Government.—Will be done.